



Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope everyone is keeping safe and well. It has been a particularly challenging few weeks with the spike in the number of covid cases in the Limerick area and its knock-on effect for our school community. We extend best wishes for a speedy recovery to anyone who is ill at this time. We all look forward to brighter days ahead.

I appeal to you to continue to support us in our efforts to keep our school open and as safe as possible for the remainder of this school term.

Please see below some dates of activities taking place over the next two weeks.

Fun Day: An on-site day of fun activities will be held in the school on Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd June. Championcastles.ie is a company which will provide fun activities for the children and each class will have a designated time to attend. Activities will include crazy golf, football and hurling darts and a variety of garden games such as twister, limbo, jenga, connect 4, buzzer game etc. Covid safety guidelines will be strenuously followed while engaging in these activities and each class will remain in their class bubbles throughout.

Sports Day: We will have a junior and senior Sports Day next week on Monday 14th and Tuesday 15th June weather permitting. The Board of Management have kindly organized an ice cream van to come to school on these days as a special treat for all our pupils.

Transition Programme: Limerick Youth Service are running a transition programme for our 6th class pupils on Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th June.

Graduation: Our 6th class virtual graduation ceremony to mark and celebrate their time in our school takes place on Monday 21st June and we are looking forward to it. We especially wish our 6th class pupils all the best and every good wish as they transfer to their respective secondary schools. All parents and guardians of our 6th class pupils are welcome to join us at 7.30pm on the night.

Induction Evening: A virtual induction evening for our new entrants will take place on Thursday 10th June at 7.30pm.

Sacraments: It has been confirmed today that both our First Holy Communion and Confirmation sacraments have been deferred until the Autumn.

Sincere thanks to everyone who supported our summer Spit the Pot fundraiser. It raised €1,270 for our school. The Parents Association are hosting a virtual school walk/run/cycle to be completed anytime between 12th and 20th June. Details to follow.

Once again this year we have submitted a digital log of the pupils learning in the area of Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) in a bid to earn another plaque from the Science Foundation Ireland. Well done to everyone for all the fantastic work undertaken.



Report cards will be available to view on Aladdin from the end of next week. Once booklists are finalised they will be published on our school website and sent via Aladdin. We will be operating our book rental scheme again this year. Details re. contract and payment will be sent out next week.

Our 2021/22 School Calendar is now available to view on our website. We have a number of teaching vacancies to fill again for September. We are waiting on guidance to advertise and hold interviews. Once this process is completed I will notify you of the class allocation for next year.

We are constantly maintaining and upgrading our school facilities in Lisnagry. During the summer closure this year we are upgrading all our general and emergency lighting and our fire safety system. We are also upgrading the flooring in our junior classrooms.

It has been a very challenging year for all our school community in so many ways. However, it has also been a very rewarding year and we have regained our wonder at and appreciation for the small pleasures in life. It was so lovely seeing the children return to school and it reminded us all of why we chose teaching as a career.

My own personal and heartfelt thanks to all school staff, Board of Management, pupils and parents for their enormous endeavours over the past year. The support and goodwill we in the school have enjoyed has made a difficult year considerably easier through your understanding and efforts. While the challenges have been many, the silver lining must be the way that home and school became true education partners this year!

The next academic year looks like it will start in a similar fashion. We will, as always, continue to be guided by guidelines from the DES and the HSE. I hope everyone enjoys and very happy and healthy summer break.

Bíodh samhradh taitheamhach agus sláintiúil, agus go raibh míle maith agaibh go léir as ucht chuile rud í mbliana.

Le meas,

Michael Feeney
Principal